

REMARKS

The Examiners remarks have been carefully considered and the prior patents cited and applied have been carefully studied.

Applicant has cancelled claims 1 to 8 and has re-written claim 9 without any intention as to acquiescing as to the pertinency of the prior patents but to more clearly define applicant's invention.

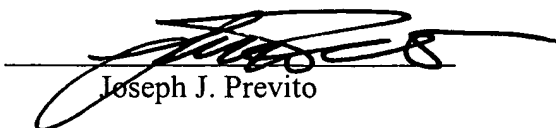
Claims 9 to 20 remain in this application.

Claim 9 has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations set forth in cancelled parent claims 1 to 8. The Examiner has indicated that if this claim were rewritten in independent form, this claim and all the claims dependent from this claim would be allowable. The claim has now been written in independent form. It is not anticipated nor rendered obvious by any of the prior patents cited by the Examiner either alone or in combination with each other. Hence, this claim 9 and dependant claims 10 to 20 are now allowable and such action is respectfully requested.

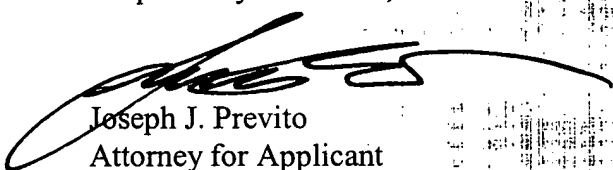
An allowance is respectfully requested.

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